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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

SONYA BROWN, aka Sonya John,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-10319

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

D.C. No. CR-03-00421-SMK

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Arizona  
Stephen M. McNamee, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 13, 2006\*\*

Before: CANBY, BEEZER and KOZINSKI, Circuit Judges.

Sonya Brown appeals from her conviction and 144-month sentence imposed following her guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1),

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\*\* This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

(b)(1)(A)(ii), conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(iii), and possession of a firearm by a felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Brown has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Brown has not filed a pro se supplemental brief, and the government has not filed an answering brief.

We have conducted an independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988), and we dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered into knowingly and voluntarily).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is granted.

**DISMISSED.**